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SB 299

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Chairman Himmelberger  
and Members of the House State Administration Committee  
Montana House of Representatives  
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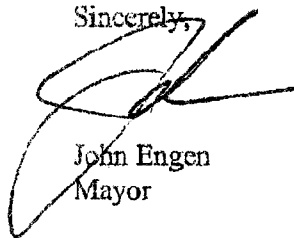
Chairman Himmelberger and Honorable House State Administration Committee members:

The City of Missoula would like to go on record in support of Senate Bill 299 revising laws on historic preservation and cultural tourism.

Passage of SB299 would enable Missoula and other communities the freedom to create proactive programs for the stewardship and promotion of Missoula's historic and cultural resources. SB 299 authorizes the creation of heritage preservation and cultural tourism commissions. This bill encourages better stewardship of state-owned historic buildings by authorizing state agencies to lease them to parties who will preserve and use them or exchange them for other comparable properties. It also authorizes the Montana Department of Transportation to post signage for heritage and tourism districts and cultural resources.

This bill is good for Missoula and is good for Montana. I encourage you to pass SB299 in the interest in preserving Montana's cultural heritage and historic places.

Sincerely,



John Engen  
Mayor